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DOSAGE FOR PRODUCING AN X-RAY TOMOGRAPHIC
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following document be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AT "Noise Due to Photon Counting Statistics in Computed X-Ray Tomography," Chesler et al, J. of Computer Assisted Tomography (Computed Tomography), Vol. 1, No. 1 (1977) pages 64-74.

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above article was identified and discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the present application, and Applicants stand by the statement in the specification concerning the teachings of this reference.

A copy of Reference AT together with Form 1449 is submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above reference. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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